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MOHONK MOUNTAIN HOUSE AND PRESERVE

Robi Josephson

Another book in the Arcadia series of Images of America is *Mohonk Mountain House and Preserve* by Robi Josephson is not new. I've included it because it is just gorgeous, well done, and one of my all-time favorite in the series. The images in this book may send you to Mohonk for lunch, or have you scrambling up to the Memorial Tower.

Josephson captured not just the place, but its place in history and its people. From the area's earliest inhabitants and settlers to the legendary Head Ranger at the Mohonk Preserve, Thom Scheuer (who with Hank Alacandri rappelled over a cliff on the Hudson to rescue my dog), and the Smiley family members who have been the sterling stewards of that mountain for more than 150 years, the book considers them carefully. In addition, it illustrates the forward thinking and scope of concern for humanity of the Smileys and longtime employees like Paul Huth and others.

This is more than a mere history, it is a meticulously researched work of love and admiration.

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